

# Chariton Courier.

KEYTESVILLE, MISSOURI.

## HOME AND FOREIGN GOSSIP.

MANY of the people of Afghanistan are as fair as Englishmen. The boys are noted as being particularly handsome. The consular agent from San Francisco has been put into the Meuse, at Blicke, Holland, and 20,000 more are expected.

DR. WILHELM SCHMIDTKE, a professor at Bonn University, says he has discovered that human life can be vastly prolonged by eating lemons.

By order of the czar, all the Armenian and Turkish schools of that part of Armenia which were lately annexed to Russia have been closed.

In Russia, over 21,000,000 roubles are appropriated every year for pensions and subsidies to retired officers, and to the families of deceased officers.

PROF. DEXTER of Yale College remembers the name and face of every student of the institution whose acquaintance he has made in the last 20 years.

An embarrassed actor bounded on the stage of a San Francisco theater, in a scene depicting a robbery in a hotel office, and shouted, "Gag the safe, while I blow open the night clerk."

CATERWORMS says there were only 10 of his men present when the Prince Imperial was killed. A bold stand was made to be believed, and the fate of an Emperor might have been changed.

THE Assistant Attorney General of Pittsfield, Mass., added \$1,000 to his income in a year by removing fresh postage stamps from letters, putting on those that had been used, and selling the stolen ones.

A WOMAN inmate of an asylum for the insane, at Maysville, Cal., imagining that she was imprisoned by enemies, and that pen and ink were denied her, made a statement of her case in needlework on a piece of cloth and threw it out of the window.

It is becoming a fashion in Europe to travel in private railroad cars. The Baroness N. de Rothschild owns one that cost \$20,000, and the Countess Potocka has ordered one at \$25,000. These vehicles are used by rich American cars.

MONTAUK POINT, the eastern extremity of Long Island, will probably be made a landing place for European steamers, holding the same claim as New York that Queensdown does to Liverpool. Six hours will thus be saved in the transmission of mails, which is a good deal in these days of hurry.

It might be supposed that a deaf and dumb man and woman could not quarrel; but Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin of Greenburg, Ind., deaf mutes, lived four years in noisy disagreement, and finally had a desperate quarrel, which was settled and her skin was fractured.

EIGHTEEN of the States have civil-damage laws. Their provisions are substantially the same, and are responsible peculiarly for all harm resulting from the sale of alcoholic beverages. New York, Maine, Massachusetts, and Illinois have statutes precisely alike.

THERE is a young man in Kadis, Ky., of such a susceptible and sympathetic physical composition that he was forced at one time to abandon a position in a drug-store for working in a shoe store, as he could not handle any kind of medicine without being affected with all the consequences it was calculated to produce on the mix for whom it was intended.

Mrs. Mxy, who has a Connecticut reputation for working miracles, travels through that State professing to cure diseases by the laying on of hands, and crows cheer wherever she goes. The most wonderful stories are told of her powers. She charges nothing for her services, and accepts only food, lodging, and conveyance from place to place. She is of pure negro blood, and a devout Methodist.

There was a discussion among a party of miners at Leadville as to the physical effects of hanging. Mr. Edwards declared that, on a waver of \$5, he would permit his companions to draw him up from the bottom of a shaft by a rope tied around his neck. His belief was that, by throwing his head back, the pressure of the rope would be wholly on the back of his neck, and consequently he would not be choked at all. Later calculation proved erroneous, for he was nearly dead when he reached the surface, and it was with great difficulty that his life was saved.

Some of the shrewdest business men in Montreal have been swindled by a bold and original scheme. Two strangers with glib tongues and dignified demeanor introduced themselves as capitalists seeking a loan of \$50,000. They lived expensively at a leading hotel, were accompanied by ladylike alleged wives, and soon got a footing in fashionable society. Their next move was to open an office in the city, and they were required to submit the collateral for examination. The shapers got about \$20,000 from their hands, and sold the securities and fled.

SUCH loss of life and property has followed the wanton cutting down of entire forests, for years past, that several European governments have appointed commissioners to interfere in this, and instead of removing at once the entire growth of forest lands, they now thin the trees out when attaining their full growth, and then clear them. In this way, not only is a larger product of lumber obtained during a half or a whole century, and the roots of the trees left standing and the undergrowth left to grow, but the forests, instead of being cut down, are gradually thinned instead of cutting all off at once, this ugly, depressing sight is avoided.

THE newspapers of San Francisco gave way to a little temporary delirium over Sharon's reception of Gen. Grant. The Post had a report of the affair that was 19 columns long. Of Sharon's mansion it says: "The \$50,000 was expended in this entertainment. The Belmont mansion, palatial as it was before, was made more so for the occasion. New wings were added for wine and supper rooms. French artists made pillars and cornices beautiful. To perfect the ventilation of the art gallery, fancy apertures were made in the ceiling, and throughout the lobby of the bowling-alley, and embraced an apartment about 27x40 feet size, elegantly decorated with egyptian branches and geranium leaves, with shields and pampas plumes, was presided over by Elvia Fay, whose delicious punch was unanimously praised." This wine-room was referred to with suspicious frequency in the report, and it probably had something to do with the magnificence of the language.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Proclamation by the Governor. Governor Phelps has issued the following Thawing Proclamation, in conformity with that of President Hayes:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF OF DEFENSE, MO. In acknowledgment of the many services rendered by the soldiers of the late war, and in pursuance of the proclamation of the President of the United States, I hereby declare that the day of November, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and I do request the people of this State to abstain from their usual secular pursuits on that day, and to assemble in their usual places of public worship and to return thanks to Almighty God for the abundant harvest He has bestowed upon us.

By the Governor, JOHN S. PHILPS, Governor.

At an adjourned meeting of prominent merchants and others at the St. Louis Clubhouse on the 10th they took definite action toward the construction of permanent position buildings in that city. About \$100,000 was subscribed and a committee appointed to canvass the city in the interest of the enterprise. They propose to erect a building of stone, with a central hall of half a million and put up an immense structure, if a proper site can be procured.

At Decatur Mr. Stephens, of the firm of Stephens & Co., was caught in the machinery of the mill on the 11th, and both of his legs were broken, his breast crushed in, and he was otherwise injured.

A section man named John Smith, was caught at Ellettsville, Ind., ten miles west of Jefferson City, in attempting to board a freight train on the 11th, was caught under the wheels of the cars and instantly killed.

At Blackhawk Station the morning of the 12th. He was in the act of taking a revolver from the hands of his little son, when it fell, killing him. B. Jackson, of the Chicago and Alton Railroad, at Higbee, on the 12th, a number of miners had a row among themselves. Pistols, knives, and clubs were freely used, and several persons were hurt, but only one seriously, receiving a shot in the head.

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## AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

Keep sweet potatoes dry and in uniform temperature above freezing.

CHLORINE of lime is recommended as an efficient deterrent for plants, trees and even for the soil.

It costs no more to raise a good animal than a poor one. The food spent while they are young is repaid cent per cent.

If pumpkins are fed to milk cows, the seed should not be allowed to be eaten. They reduce the yield of milk through their action on the kidneys.

MR. MEDHAN remarks that if the seed of cabbage be sown as soon as ripe or at that time of year when it naturally ripens, instead of plants making solid heads, they will "bolt" and run to seed.

MANY remedies have been tried for the pear blight, says the Country Gentleman, and with superficial observers those which happened to be applied just before the disease passes off, have the credit of a certain cure.

ONE of the simplest ways of propagating the grape-vine is simply to make cuttings of the pruned vine about a foot long, always, including one or two joints, and bury them so that the upper end is an inch above the soil. Cover them with straw, hay or any other coarse material, and in the spring the vines will grow next spring. The same may be said of currant and gooseberry cuttings.

The roots of raspberries may be cut up into small pieces, and used as a fertilizer. The roots, alternating a layer of soil and a layer of root cuttings. The boxes may be buried in a dry place out-of-doors, or kept in the cellar until spring.

CLOVER hay is always dry, and the clover leaves are by horses affected with indigestion and causes heaves. But if it is cut up and thoroughly wetted it may be given to horses without injury.

Knobby hay, put in blossom is also dry, and if fed to horses will be injurious as clover hay. There is nothing in the clover itself that is hurtful. Cattle do not suffer from the dust so much as horses, as they are not so sensitive.

As the clover is not so sensitive, and their mucous membrane is not so irritable. Every farmer knows that if one sick cow or horse is a hundred sick horses; the cause is the difference in the clover being fed. Several persons were hurt, but only one seriously, receiving a shot in the head.

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## USEFUL AND SCIENTIFIC.

AMERICAN QUININE.—Five packages of fresh cinchona seeds were received from India some months ago by the Director of the Economic Garden of the University of California. They represent a very different species, and germinated most readily. At present there are growing in the propagating house of the Agricultural Department of the University several hundred healthy plants of each of the five species. The seeds as the trees are sufficiently advanced they will be distributed to various sections in California, there to be tried by careful and competent persons. The accounts from India and Australia of the success of the cinchona in those countries encourage the belief that some of the five species will prove hardy in California.

TO RELIEVE THE EYES.—Reading is rendered easy and fatigue to the eyes very much relieved by a simple device. Get a piece of white paper, and cut a broad and six inches long, such a piece is used for filling in the little windows of stoves. Place this over the page and move it along, so as to cover the lines as you read. A large part of the strain of the eye is relieved, and the whole page, if desired. The white surface of paper is pleasantly shaded, and a look of brightness is given to the page by bright light falling on the page. If the reader desires he may cover the lines with a light coat of green varnish. This is better than green goggles, and it is a very simple and effective device. The over-worked student and the consumer of endless novels.

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## SEASONABLE RECIPES.

PICKLED WHITE CABBAGE.—Cut the cabbage into thin slices, sprinkle with salt, and let it lay for two days; then drain and spread it out before the fire for some hours; put it into a stone jar, and add sufficient white vinegar to cover, with a little mace and